

The New Rose-Petals Taut

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Author: Spike Milligan

Publication Details: Toni Savage Press of Leicester First edition 1975.

Format: Broadside

Illustrations: by Rigby Graham.

Identifier: Phoenix Broadsheet No. 61.

Physical Description: 1pp 21 x 11 cm (8" x 4 7/8") White handmade Sheepstor paper printed and illustrated in pink, green and black.

Prices	
For Sale	£133
F.S.signed	£
Auction	£



This title has been listed in online bibliographies as a chapbook I have found no evidence there is a chapbook of this name. Most bibliographies do also site it as Phoenix Broadsheet 61. This was Spike's first Phoenix broadsheet.

Found in two libraries Oxford University Library and the Buffalo (New York) University Library in America.

The only other reference I have seen is a copy for sale in the US via Abe Books with this very detailed description.

"8 inches x 3 7/8 in., a single sheet of thick paper with small gray flecks, and the ram watermark present. Prints a six-line poem by Spike Milligan, beginning: "The new rose-petals taut," followed by the printed copyright notice, and printed illustrator's name and printer's name. The right-hand side features a 3 in. tall drawing of an opened rose with leaves, the petals are colored red and the stem & leaves in green, with small, black ink lines and dots around the stem. The sheet shows a small brown spot to the left of the rose, and a small brown line in the lower left margin".

The retailer (Peter Keisogloff Rare Books Inc. of Brecksville Ohio) provided me with a scan of the broadsheet which reveals the accuracy of their description and how striking the broadsheet is with its coloured image. There are other broadsheets that have two colours but the image is always mono coloured.